

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

-- A Disclosed is a method for distilling, e.g., ethanol from a mash ~~or must~~. According to said method, includes feeding a fluid (1) that is fed to a first distillation column, (stripper 13) The fluid and a distillate (4) of the first distillation column (13) are delivered to a second distillation column (rectification column, 14). The fed fluid (1) and/or distillate (7) of the second distillation column (14) is/are purified in a first and/or last step of the ~~inventive~~ method by means of a membrane separation process. --